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## WORLD SCOUTERS MEET

Delhi had the unique honour of welcoming leaders of Scout Movement on 29th August 1959 from all over the world. The International Scout Bureau, which has its Headquarters at Ottawa in Canada and Regional Office at Manila in Philippines, has arranged this Conference. The National Scout Headquarters appointed an Organising Committee with Srimathi L. Mazumdar as chairman, which was in charge of the whole arrangements at Delhi. Rovers from all over India came to assist in the conduct of the Conference. India gave a reception consistent with her dignity. The Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, inaugurated the Conference and the Education Minister, Dr. K. L. Shrimali, presided over the concluding sessions. Among the distinguished persons, mention may be made of (1) General Sir Rob. Lockhart (Great Britain), (2) R. F. Thurman (Camp Chief, Gilwell Park), (3) Jorge B. Vargas (Chief Scout of the Philippines), (4) William D. Campbell (U.S.A.), (5) Major Spry (Director, International Bureau). About 40 Countries were represented at the Conference.

The Conference lasted for 5 days. Morning Sessions began with a Keynote address by an eminent Scouter followed by reading of papers, reports, etc. by the delegates. In the afternoon Sessions there were Group Discussions in 3 or 4 batches. In the evening we had an address by some eminent speakers followed by Camp Fire Entertainments and visits to Scout Groups.

The Theme of the Conference was "Building Tomorrow Today".

Discussions concentrated on (1) Increasing National Scout achievements (2) Serving more boys (3) Improving the Scout Programme (4) Community Service and Citizenship Training. It was a delight to hear the top leaders narrating their experience and giving suggestions for the improvement of Scouting in general.

The beauty of this Conference was that all persons irrespective of their standing and status representing various countries moved on equal terms and the delegates moved from place to place in the buses arranged by the Reception Committee. They enjoyed the entertainments provided by the Rovers and Rangers, Scouts and Guides, and Cubs and Bulbuls. Their goodness, their great anxiety to serve the boy, and their simplicity and discipline will always remain with us to cheer us up.

Our Country though modest has a rich heritage. We were hospitable and they appreciated our hospitality. They liked us and our Country. Above all they were highly pleased with our Scouts and Guides.

K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU,  
*State Chief Commissioner.*

## 1960 THE GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR FOR GUIDES ALL OVER THE WORLD

The fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Girl Guide Association will be celebrated all over the World from 1st January to 31st December 1960. The theme for the year will be "Birthday Parties" and how this is developed within various countries will be left to the individual countries' arrangements. It is hoped that the year will be a festive one and that all members will help to make it a happy one for others.

**The Jubilee Badge** is being made both in metal and woven in silk and will be on sale in Commonwealth Headquarters Shops from 1st January. It may be worn by any member of the Movement, from 1st January to 31st December 1960

—*The Guider*

(Look out for further announcements)

## News from the National Headquarters

### Award of 'Silver Elephant' to Mrs Lakshmi Mazumdar

Vice-President of India, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, awarded 'Silver Elephant', the highest award of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, to Mrs. Lakshmi Mazumdar for her long and continued services to the Movement of the most exceptional character.

Mrs. Mazumdar had worked in the Guide Movement since 1923 and for the last 36 years, she is working in various capacities for the development of the movement. She had been elected as a member of the World Committee of the World Association of Girl Scouts and Guides. She has also worked day and night for the last so many months as the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the 17th International Scout Conference.

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### Camp Chiefs honoured

Mr. John Thurman, Camp Chief of Gilwell Park, has been awarded the 'VIAAMSE GAAI' (the highest Scout decoration in Holland) by the Chairman of the Federation of Dutch Scouts on June 14, 1959.

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Shri J. I. Muthiah, our Camp Chief was given the honour of presiding over the Group Meeting on training at the 17th International Scout Conference.

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## News from the State Headquarters

### International Scout Commissioners at Madras

Mr. C. R. Nichols, International, Commissioner, Australia Member, International Council, Mr. Robert Beuhler, Commissioner, International Bureau and Mr. Fredrick W. Horner, International Commissioner, New Zealand, were entertained at tea on 14th August 1959 at Wenlock Park, South Beach Road, Triplicane. Scout and Guide Commissioners of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State and the Southern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides attended the function. The International Commissioners addressed the gathering.

After the Tea, there was a Camp Fire by the Scouts and Guides of both the Associations.

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### Joint National Organising Commissioner (Guides) will visit Madras

Mrs. A. Wahabuddin Ahmed the Joint National Organising Commissioner (Guides) will be at Madras from 25th to 30th September 1959. Her programme will include visits to Guide Units in the City, Commissioners' and Guiders' Conference, Flock Leaders and Guide Captains sessions: the inauguration of the Old Guides Guild, visit to handicapped Guide Groups; Visit to Rural areas and a Bulbul Revel.

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**The Finance Committee:** Met on Monday the 31st August 1959.

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**The State Executive Committee:** Met on 3rd September, 1959.

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### THE SCOUT & GUIDE WEEK

May be celebrated during the First Week of OCTOBER.

If this is not possible because of the DASARA  
HOLIDAYS—celebrate the week during the  
First Week of NOVEMBER.



## The State Organising Commissioners' Tours :

Sri M. Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), toured in Tanjore District in the month of August 1959 and visited the following places :—

Tiruvarur, Koradachery, Podakudi Marakadai, Mannargudi Vaduvur, Tanjore, Thirukattupally, Kumbakonam and Aduthurai.

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Miss C. John, State Organising Commissioner (Guides), toured Tinnevely District in the month of August 1959 and visited the following places :—

Palamcottah, Tuticorin, Nazareth and Megnanapuram.

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Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts) toured in Coimbatore District in September 1959 and visited the following places :—Coimbatore, Mudis, Periyanaikentalayam, Satyamangalam, Bhavani, Gobichettipalayam, Erode, Tiruppur, Madukkarai, Annur, & Valaparai.

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## NOTES ON TRAINING

### CUB NOTES

1. **Assembly of Cubs:** The Cubmaster stands in the Centre of the ground. The sixes are standing in their Six corners. The Cubmaster calls "PACK—PACK—PACK". On hearing this, the Cubs respond with one short and sharp cry "PACK" and run up and form a ROCK CIRCLE standing shoulder to shoulder round the Cubmaster and keep jumping on their toes. When the circle is properly formed, the Cubmaster says "PARADE CIRCLE" on which the Cubs stop jumping, join hands and step back to form the Parade Circle.

2. **Cub Greeting:** The Cubmaster shows the signal for greeting by stretching his hands to the sides and then putting them down slowly to his side. When the hands are being dropped the Cubs also squat with their two hands pointing downward, (the middle finger and the index finger of the two hands are stretched out close together pointing towards the ground—The fingers should not touch the ground in the squatting position) and start at once "Aa-Ke-Lah. We-eel-do-our-best." On reaching the last word, they all jump up, stand, and

put their two hands to the sides of their heads with two fingers of each hand pointing upwards and close together. The appointed Sixer calls out, "Dyb-Dyb-Dyb-Dyb". Then every Cub after the fourth "Dyb" drops his left hand smartly to the side and keeps the right hand at the Cub Salute (Two fingers spread out) and says "We-eel-Dob-Dob-Dob-Dob". At the last "Dob" each cub drops his right hand to his side and stands at the alert position.

N. B. (a) The Sixer appointed to lead the "Cub Greeting" stands along with his SIX on the Circle. He does not step into the circle during the Greeting.

(b) If there is a Flag - the Cubs form a Circle round the Flag and the Cubmaster stands close to the Flag Staff.

(c) The Cubmaster in the centre of the circle stands at alert during the Cub Greeting and salutes only when the Cubs come to salute and say Dob-Dob-Dob-Dob.

(d) During the Cub Greeting all Assistant Cubmasters and others stand in a line outside the circle and stand at alert and they do not salute.

3. **Use of "Balaveer".** The Pack should be called to the assembly by the words "PACK-PACK-PACK" Do not use "Balaveer". The greeting "Jaya Bharat" is dropped in favour of the method described in para "2" above.

4. **Use of the word "Akela".** The term "Akela" is not officially recognised except in the Cub Greeting.

5. **Synonym of the term Cub.** Cubs will be called "குருளையர்கள்" in Tamil and not "பாலவீரர்". Nor will the term "ஒளாயகுட்டிகள்" in Tamil be used. In English also the word "Wolf" should not be used.

6. **Use of Mowgli Story:** The Mowgli Story must be used to bring up the jungle atmosphere. Jungle stories culled out from our Epics must necessarily be narrated to the Packs and the Training Course along with the Mowgli Story, (Vide the resolution of the all India Training Committee-Scout Merger-passed at Bombay in May 1947.)

7. **Use of Jungle Dances.** All Jungle dances from the Mowgli Story except Baloo Dance, may be taught to the Cubs. But these will be called plays, e.g. "Sherk Khan's Death Play". Baloo Dance will be out of place in our Scheme in view of our Cub Law and Promise.

8. **Use of Whistles.** Whistles *should not be used* in pack work. The sharp call "Pack" should bring the Pack to attention. Whistles are a mechanical invention and deny the chances for personal contact between the Cubmaster and the Cubs. Whistles *if found necessary* may be used *only* during the games.

9. **Totem Poles:** Since we have not taken up the idea of the Wolf Cub Pack, we may not have Totem Poles with the Wolf head as the crest. This is however optional.

10. **Hand book-** "THE WOLF CUBS HAND BOOK" is the basis and TEXT BOOK OF INDIAN CUBBING.

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### SCOUT NOTES

**Naming of Patrols :** Patrols of Scouts should be named after Birds and Animals as given in "Scouting for Boys".

The shoulder Knots of the colours mentioned for each animal or bird should be used by Scouts and in the Training Courses. But Troops should be called by the names of departed Indian Heroes.

### PATROL CRIES

Patrol cries should be used by Scouts during their wide games etc.

Patrol cries should not be used at Scout Rallies and other public gatherings.

M. RAJAGOPALAN

*Headquarters Commissioner for  
Training (Scouts)*

RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF GROUPS  
for 1959-60

SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE THE END OF  
DECEMBER 1959

HURRY UP - DO NOT WAIT.

REMEMBER TO PAY UP THE REGISTRATION &  
QUOTA FEES TOO.

## District News

### EAST MADRAS

A First Class and Proficiency Training Course for Scouts was inaugurated by Sri. P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Honorary State Secretary, at Wenlock Park, Triplicane on 2nd Aug. 59. 50 second class Scouts participated in the Training.

### MANNARGUDI

The Tilak Scout Group at the National High School, Mannargudi, celebrated Tilak Jayanthi on 23-7-1959 with Sri A. Themperumal, Senior Deputy Inspector of Schools in the Chair.

The Tilak Scout Group celebrated the Independence Day. A few Scouts were invested on this day.

Sri M. Rajagopalan State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), visited the Group on 25-8-1959 and presided over the Scout Rally. There was a public meeting and the State Organising commissioner addressed the Scouters and the Teachers of the Local Institutions and those interested in Scouting. A Training Committee was formed to make arrangements for the Training of Scouters at Mannargudi

### KADAMBATHUR

The Scouts of the Board High School, Kadambathur, camped at Camp Tonekala Avadi, on 7th, 8th and 9th August 1959.

31 Scouts participated in the Camp and the Camp was inaugurated by Sri D. Govindarajan Assistant District commissioner, Trivellore.

### NILGIRIS

A Scout and Guide Rally was held on 21st August 1959 at Kullacombai Estate Maidan. 200 Scouts and Guides took part in the Rally and many people were present. Mrs. R. E. MacLaine Clarke, District commissioner (Guides), hoisted the Flag and presided over the Rally.

### KRISHNAGIRI

Sri. P.S. Ranganathan, Asst. Deputy Camp Chief, and Dist. Secretary, inaugurated a Rover Crew at the Rural Extension Training Centre, Krishnagiri Reservoir Project on 19-8-1959.

### NORTH MADRAS

38 patrol leaders from various troops in the District attended a Training Course for Patrol Leaders at Camp Tonekala, Avadi, from 14th to 16th August 1959. Mrs. D.L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides), visited the camp. The camp was in charge of Sri A. Kandaswamy, assisted by Messrs. M.B. Krishnamurthy, Megraj Joshi R.M. Swamy, M. Thyagarajan, T.V. Krishnaswamy and S. Venkataraman.

## TRICHINOPOLY

"Dr. Besant Scout Group" consisting of Scouts and Rovers was newly inaugurated at Trichinopoly, on 30-8-1959 with Sri M. Krishnamurthy Sastrigal, in the chair. Sri T. K. Vasudevan, Scoutmaster, welcomed the gathering. Sri K. R. Avadhani, B.A., B. L., delivered the inaugural address, Messrs K. V. Ratnam, M. A. Sundararajan, P. Narayanan, Govindarajulu, Yegna Rama Iyer and Panchapakesa Iyer, also spoke. Sri K. Krishnaswamy Sastrigal, spoke about Besant's Service to Scouting in India. After a vote of thanks by Sri R.S.S. Ramachandran, the function terminated.

## ATTUR

The 7th Annual Meeting of the Local Association of Attur, was held on 29th July 1959. Sri G. Angamuthu Naicker, presided over the meeting. Sri A. N. Govindarajulu read the Annual Report and Sri Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner (scouts), addressed the gathering. There was a Rally of 300 Scouts and Guides at Attur in the same evening and there was an interesting demonstration of Scout and Guide activities.

Sri R. Venkataraman, Deputy Inspector for Schools presided and the State Organising Commissioner, and

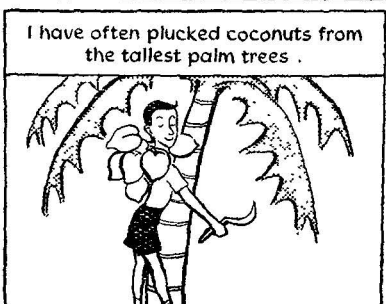
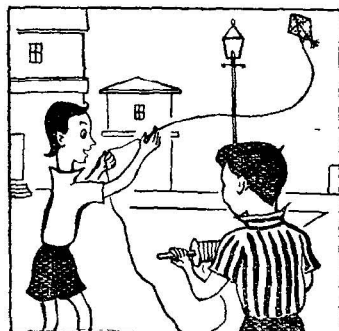
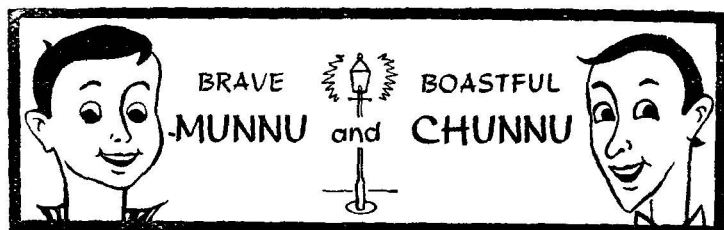
Sri P. S. Ranganathan, addressed the gathering. Sri Govindarajulu, the Secretary of the Local Association proposed a vote of thanks. The Rally was in charge of Sri M. Vadivelu, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts), Attur.

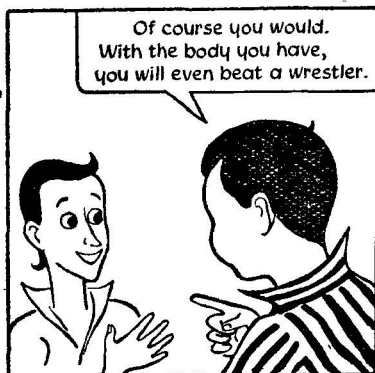
## DHARMAPURI

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Dharmapuri Local Association was held on 8-8-59 under the presidency of Sri Mohanaragam, District Educational Officer, Salem North. Sri S. V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner (Scouts), addressed the gathering. Sri T. A. M. Subaramania Chettiar, was elected President and Sri Timotheus was elected Secretary. Sri L. C. Richards, Personal Assistant to the Special Officer, Salem District Board addressed the gathering and promised his help and co-operation for the development of Scouting and Guiding in the District.

## SOUTH MADRAS

500 Scouts and Guides of the District participated in the Independence Day Rally held at Ramakrishna Mission High School (North Branch) on 16-8-1959. Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction, and State Commissioner (Scouts) Madras, presided over the Rally. Sri Sreenivasachari, Headmaster, Ramakrishna Mission (Main)





DALDA-COOKED  
FOOD IS NOT ONLY  
DELICIOUS. IT IS  
NOURISHING AS  
WELL—BECAUSE 700  
INTERNATIONAL UNITS  
OF VITAMIN A AND  
56 I.U. OF VITAMIN D  
ARE ADDED TO  
EVERY OUNCE OF  
DALDA. TELL YOUR  
MOTHER ALWAYS  
TO COOK YOUR  
FOOD IN DALDA.



School, welcomed the gathering. Mr. F. W. Horner, International Commissioner (Scouts), New Zealand participated in the Rally and addressed the gathering. The State Commissioner (Scouts), decorated Scouts, Nitya Swaminathan and Srinivasan of the Shivaji Scout Group, with the First All Round Cord. The Rally was in charge of Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner (Scouts). After an interesting display and entertainments, Sri V. G. G. Sarma, proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

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Mr. F. W. Horner, International Commissioner (Scouts), New Zealand, visited the Shivaji and Pratap Scout Groups at Mylapore, on 16-8-1959,

### SALEM

A Rally of Scouts and Guides was held at 4-30 p. m. at the Municipal High School, Sahadevapuram on 15-7-1959. About 500 Scouts and Guides participated. Sri M. Gopal, Chairman, Municipal Council, hoisted the National and Scout Flags. Sri S. V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner (Scouts), took the salute at the march past.

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Mariamman Festival at Salem is one of the biggest

festivals in the District. 400 Scouts, Rovers and Scouters did service in the festival from 4th to 8th August 1959. The Service was in charge of Scouter, R. Kuppaswami, assisted by Sri P. S. Ranganathan, District Secretary.

### SIVAGANGA

A Conference of Scouters in Ramanathapuram District was held at Sivaganga, Raja's High School Centenary Buildings on 16th August 1959. Dr. K. G. Ramabadran of Madurai presided. Dr. Sara Ramachandran, Vice-President of the District Association, hoisted the flag and Sri S. Somasundaram Pillai, Secretary of the Local Association, Sivaganga, welcomed the gathering. Mrs. T. Vurghese, District Commissioner (Guides), declared open, the Conference.

Dr. K. G. Ramabadran, in his presidential address emphasised the need for Scouters keeping before them the character aspect of Scout Training and requested the Scouters to spare no pains in improving the tone of Scouting in the District. Sri. S. Theertham, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts), Madurai, Sri H. Krishnamurthi, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts), Tanjore and others spoke at the Conference.



## FOR SCOUTERS

### Higher Rank Ceremonies

A word of congratulation and public recognition goes a long way to stimulate Scouts and Scouters to increased effort and activity. It will be a good practice for each Troop to recognise, through a brief ceremonial, the promotion of any member to a higher rank of scouting. If a scout has completed a worthwhile task, or stood first in the school examinations, or Captained his school football team successfully, he should be recognised through a ceremonial by the Troop. The effect is also manifest in the other members of the troop.

### Qualifying Instead of Passing

There is a real danger in the expression — “Passing Tests”. In many Scout Groups they no longer talk of passing tests, they qualify in Knot Tying, or Second Class Signalling or in First Class Cooking. The idea of qualifying is quite different from that of passing. Instead of passing a test and being done with it, the Scout qualifies for a certain stage of advancement in this particular subject and it leaves the whole field ahead of him untouched. Keep this in view when you tackle the various scout tests

### Satisfy Desire for Adventure

It is very important that we consider the urges of our scouts when making a programme. The desire to be something that he is not is deep down in every boy. Once a boy was seen riding a bicycle on a wall about eight feet high and about four feet wide. Why do you suppose the boy did that? It was dangerous. Why do boys do that type of thing? Why do they break windows and steal fruits from tree tops? It is the urge to escape from the humdrum of ordinary existence. You must provide this opportunity for escape in your Troop programme.

### Character We Want

Three short, simple words will make this clear: “See, Can; Will”. Does the Scout *see* what to do? *Can* he do it? *Will* he do it? SEE, CAN, WILL. We wish to get the Scout to the place where, as he faces a situation, he can *see* more and more clearly what to do, more and more adequately *can* do what is needed; more and more shortly *will* do what he sees ought to be done. This is the kind of character we want in our scouts.

### Woodcraft

Scouting is an Education in citizenship through woodcraft. Give a boy plenty of normal outdoor scouting and let that be

his introduction to woodcraft. Do not teach the subject in a class room. There is only one teacher of this all-absorbing subject and that is Dame Nature herself. Our task is the humbler one of bringing the boy to the right school, Put him into contact with Nature and let her do the rest.

### Man Contact

An essential need in the life of a boy is *man contact*—it is better put in the plural—*men contact*. Every boy (if he lives) must by the nature of things, become a man and hence he needs the guidance, the helping hand, the inspiration, yes, the example of a man who has achieved what this youth is becoming. This man may indeed become the boy's hero; the one on whom he gazes in admiration and nearly worships as his guiding star.

Mr. Scoutmaster are you a hero for your scouts?

### Records

Some simple record keeping is necessary in a troop for a variety of reasons. Firstly, it helps to keep the Troop traditions going; and, secondly, it leaves everything in good order for your successor. Much of the work can be done by others—preferably by the the Troop Leader or Patrol Leaders or others, but the responsibility of seeing that it is done rests with the Scoutmaster alone. Your troop should certainly possess all necessary records, such as attendance, subscription records and accounts, Individual records of scouts showing their progress in scouting, Court of Honour minutes, a stock book or equipment, etc of the troop, a Troop Log book, files of correspondence. A conscious attempt should be made to keep them always up-to-date. It is fatally easy to neglect them and have a grand write up once a year or whenever the spirit moves you, but it is not the best way, and proper record keeping is another good habit which we can teach our boys.

“EAGLE”

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CUB OFFICERS.

READ THE NOTES ON TRAINING OF CUBS  
IN THIS ISSUE.

## HISTORY OF GUIDING

### The Story of the Origin of the Guide movement

(By Kumari C. JOHN. S O C (Guides))

(An appropriate test for Guides to be taken up now in view of the approaching Guide Golden Jubilee is the Origin, history and development of Guiding. This article will be useful in the absence of reference books).

#### (1) Scouts into Guides

B. P. says "The Guides began it themselves. They came in without being invited, to the first Rally of Scouts at Chrystal Palace in 1909, sleeves rolled up and socks rolled down and bristling with equipment calling themselves 'Girl Scouts' on a rainy day in September wearing Khaki Shirts and big Cow-boy hats."

When Scouting began to spread like wild fire, all over the country, the girls found this so fascinating and nothing in the game of Scouting which they could not do. Even signalling, Tracking, despatch carrying and fire-lighting were easily learnable. Things like first-Aid, they excelled in. So they set to work, getting pamphlets and equipment from Scout Headquarters by giving their name like 'J. Smith'. Scouts with all their observation thought 'J' stood for John, when it really stood for Joan! These early 'Girl Scouts' were from the upper and professional class. They were adventurous people accustomed to doing whatever their brothers were doing in their holidays with plenty of pocket-money to spend. There were nearly 2,000 girls who had by this time obtained copies of 'Scouting for boys' and trained themselves in Tenderfoot and Second class work. Though they had no Officers, they applied for Registration. Many had worked at First Class Test and could have won a badge, had there been any one to examine them. So they conducted their own activities. They hung themselves, round with Billy-Cans and Water-bottles, cut off broom handles for poles and equipped themselves for adventure. Off they went leaping over dykes on their poles, crawling on all fours in the fields, searching the country-side for miles in search of broken eggs, cattle stealers and lost travellers. Their haversacks bulged with bandages, just as their heads bulged with plenty of ideas, for they took their mission very seriously indeed.

They even brought it back to their Schools. The alarming names of their patrols, such as Wild Cats, Night-hawks\*

Kangaroos, etc, infuriated their Headmistress who rightly called them 'Tom Boys'.

A group of these determined girls, unattended by any grown up, gate crashed into the Crystal Palace Rally on September 4th, 1909, dressed in unauthorised and highly original imitation of Scout Uniform. With great effrontery, they sent up message to the Founder demanding that they too should be inspected! "Who are you?" He asked "We are 'Girl Scouts'" was their reply. The Founder was dumbfounded. A problem indeed! He never ment it for the Girls! Nor did he want them to imitate the boys—However the Founder was equal to the occasion.

Seeing their enthusiasm, Lord Baden Powell bowed to the inevitable, and gave them a separate Scheme of Training on the lines of the Scouts. B.Ps' sister Agne-Powell took charge of them.

The training started from the kitchen, the nursery, the sick-bed—the natural habitat of woman—preparing them for hospital nursing, cooking, home nursing, ambulance work and raising them morally in chivalry, patriotism, and courage. Their aim as wives and mothers was to be 'partners and comrades, rather than dolls'.

He named them 'Guides' after one of the most famous regiments in the Indian Army, distinguished for their general hardiness, courage and resourcefulness. Thus 'Wild Cats' became 'Violets'; 'Night Hawks' became 'Nightingales' singing their way through life!

*(To be continued)*

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## SCOUT OFFICERS

READ THE NOTES ON TRAINING IN THIS ISSUE.

## STATE HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

## RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

## FOR THE YEAR 1959-60

*(Valid up to end of March 1960)***Scouts****South Arcot District****Regn. No. 55****Sections**1st Panruti,  
Board High School,  
Panruti.**Scouts****NEW GROUPS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR 1959-60***(Valid up to end of March 1960)***Guides****Ramanathapuram District****Regn. No.  
and Date.****Sections**5/3-9-1959 1st Kunnakudy,  
Sri Murugan Arulneri Ele. School  
Kunnakudy.**Bulbuls**6/3-9-1959 2nd Kunnakudy,  
Sri Murugan Arulner Ele. School,  
Kunnakudy.**Guides**7/3-9-1959 2nd Karaikudi,  
Little Flower R. C. Higher  
Ele. School, Karaikudi-1.**Bulbuls****NEW WARRANTS ISSUED***(Valid up to 31st March 1960)***District Commissioners (Scouts).****Warrant  
No. & Date.****Area**

60/8-5-1959 Sri B. K. Linga Gowder.

**Nilgiri District.**

61/9-5-1959 Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam.

**Mathurai Dis-  
trict.**

### Assistant District Commissioners (Scouts)

<i>Warrant No. &amp; Date.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Area</i>
281/4-4-1959	Sri T. N. Bhuminathan.	Kallar Groups Usilampatti.
282/4-4-1959	Sri D. S. Santharaj.	Kallar Groups Batlagundu.
283/2-9-1959	Sri C. R. Natarajalu.	Ulundurpet, Block area.
284/2-9-1959	Sri P. G. Krishnamurthy Iyengar	General Scout Work — Villu- puram Taluk,
285/2-9-1959	Sri V. Sambamurthy.	Villupuram, Block area.

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY,  
*Honorary State Secretary.*

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CAN YOU WRITE ?

CERTAINLY—YOU CAN. DO WRITE SOMETHING  
ABOUT THE GOOD WORK SCOUTS AND GUIDES  
DO TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN THE LOCALITY

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BLOCKS ARE COSTLY !

Don't Worry- Send Good Photographs of your  
SCOUT & GUIDE ACTIVITIES

We will do the rest.

## The 17th International Scout Conference, New Delhi 29th July to 3rd August 1959

(By Sri M. Nooruddin, Asst. Deputy Camp Chief & District Commissioner (Scouts). North Madras District and one of the Observers to the conference from the Madras State).

The conference was held in the air-conditioned halls of the palatial Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. This was the first time in the Boy Scout Movement, since its inception in 1907, that nearly 200 scout leaders and observers from various countries met in the East, particularly in India.

### Inaugural Session

On 29th July, in the afternoon, there was the Inaugural Session. The Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, was greeted with a fanfare of trumpets at the main entrance to the Vigyan Bhavan. The Bulbuls garlanded him. Later he took up his seat on the dais with Lord Rowallan, Maj-Gen. D. C. Spry, Sri Mangaldas Pakwasa, Dr. H. N. Kunzru, Mrs. Lakshmi Mazumdar, Mr. Justice Vivian Bose, Sri Madan Mohan and other members of the Inter-national Committee. Overlooking the dais was a large portrait of Lord Baden Powell with his hand resting on the top of a globe, proclaiming that the movement had spread far and wide embracing over millions of scouts.

At the stroke of 5 P.M., the functional inaugural ceremony began with the sounding of a conch-shell. The marching into the packed auditorium of 64 Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Delhi State in pairs carrying the flags of the participating nations and lining up on either side of the auditorium after parting near the centre of the dais, was a sight to see. They trooped in to the tune of the 10th World Jamboree song.

Shri Mangaldas Pakwasa welcomed the Prime Minister, delegates, observers and others present. Messages from the President, Vice-President of India, the Shah of Iran, the World Chief Guide (Lady B. P.), Col. John Wilson, Mrs. Indra Gandhi, Governors and Chief Ministers of States and many others were read by Major. General Spry, Director of the Inter-national Bureau, who took the permission of the Scout leaders to send a message of thanks to the President and Vice-President of India and 'warmest Love' to Lady B. P.

Inaugurating the Conference, the Prime Minister said that he was on the point of saying "Fellow Scouts" but then he was not sure if he would be justified in saying that because he had not had the advantage of belonging to any scout organisation in his younger days.. But he was happy to see all round him people of his age, not as scouts but as Scouters. This meant that people of his age could still do some service towards the movement.

A movement, Mr. Nehru said, is born out of a multitude of Ideas. Some of the ideas disappear or are suppressed and some continue to live as in the case with the Scout Movement. When Lord Baden-Powell thought of the Scout Movement, he did it at the right moment, the Psychological moment, and it spread rapidly all over the world. "I can assure you," said Mr. Nehru, "that we in India, as also the Government of India, attach great importance to this movement and want it to spread and would like to help in its spread as much as it is possible."

The essence of the Scout movement, the Prime Minister continued, lay only in its voluntary character. He doubted if the movement would have caught on, as it has, if it had had official patronage. He did not think it

would be good for a movement of this kind to become officialised in any way. Essentially, it should be a movement, with the goodwill of the Government certainly, but a non-official movement standing on its own feet, determining its own future and evolving its own rules and conventions. It should be self-reliant and not a pale copy of some government department. "I remember", said Mr. Nehru, to have read a phrase by Lord Baden Powell almost exactly twenty years ago, that it was the purpose of this organisation to build up the next generation which is **sane in an insane world**. I suppose it was very soon after Lord Baden Powell said that that the second world war broke out. His message, evidently, did not go far then. Well, whether it went far or not, the message was a right message, and we have to try to be sane even though all kinds of forces in the world drive us almost to insanity. An organisation of this type, more particularly influencing the minds of the young, of the growing, can have a very powerful influence in that direction.

He said that the scout movement was of basic importance in moulding people's character. It could play an important role by creating an atmosphere of fellowship, comradeship and understanding which is far more important than political understanding. He referred to the message of the Great Emperor Asoka, "respect the faith of the other person, then only will he respect your faith".

After a vote of thanks proposed by Lord Rowallan, the day's session came to a close.

### Keynote Addresses

1. Mr. Justice Vivian Bose, National Commissioner, addressed the Conference on "Building Tomorrow, Today" on 30-7-59.

He pointed out that scouts are an International Brotherhood, each eager to give to the world of his best and at the same time eager with the humbleness of the great, to learn; to know that all knowledge and all grace are not isolated in some small pocket of the world but that ideas and knowledge and wisdom are scattered the world over and are the common heritage of all mankind, neither of the East, nor of West, nor of South, nor of North, but for everybody, everywhere.

Mr Bose said that it was not a little thing, nor an accident, that Kipling, an Englishman, found magic in this land and by the inspiration of his genius revealed it to the world in a series of unforgettable tales, and that another man, also an Englishman, translated its meaning into action and gave Cubbing to the world. The East gave to the West and the West was not ashamed; and the West gave back to the East and to the North and to the South until there is now neither East nor West nor North nor South but "AKELA, WE'LL DO OUR BEST" everywhere, ringing its changes in many tongues but never changing the inner meaning.

Mr Bose highlighted some of the principal items on the agenda and the problems that the Conference was going to discuss.

2. The next keynote address was on "The Boy" by Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout, U. S. A. on 31-7-59.

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